HISTORY AND POLITICS OF THE AMERICAS WITH A YEAR ABROAD BA /
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2021 ENTRY

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This new four-year programme offers an innovative curriculum that aims to provide understanding of the historical, political, social, and international issues concerning the Americas. Our research-based, multidisciplinary teaching combines education in history, social sciences, research methods, and languages to prepare students for a wide range of global careers. This programme enhances students' learning and cultural awareness with a compulsory year abroad.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2021

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// The Institute of the Americas is the largest centre for the study of the Americas (including Canada, the US, Latin America, and the Caribbean) in the UK.

// Our programme provides a rigorous introduction to history and politics, as well as the possibility to specialise in one of these subjects after year one. You will gain new knowledge and expertise in your subject area as you take additional modules.

// You will enjoy an interdisciplinary environment designed for both home and international students who are interested in professional and academic careers in diplomacy, government, business, international charities, NGOs, and the education sector.

// You will spend your third year abroad in a top-ranked university in the Caribbean, Latin America, or North America. Please see our partner institutions.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Our aim is to provide a thorough grounding and opportunities for specialisation in history and politics. Alongside the development of disciplinary expertise, the degree programme promotes cross-disciplinary insight. You will learn how politics and societies evolve, how different disciplinary perspectives relate to each other, and how these perspectives can combine to give a more nuanced understanding of the Americas and their global relevance.

In years one and two you will take two core modules each year plus options in history and politics. You will also have the opportunity to study a language relevant to your year-abroad destination.

You will spend year three studying relevant modules at a host institution in North America, Latin America or the Caribbean.

In your final year, you will take an advanced module, designed to encourage you to engage with contemporary issues and share your knowledge with audiences outside UCL. You will also complete a dissertation and take history and politics optional modules.

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, you will be awarded a BA (Hons) in History and Politics of the Americas with a Year Abroad.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

YEAR ONE

Compulsory module(s)

// Encountering the Americas: Key Themes and Concepts
// Introduction to Politics

Optional modules

Optional modules may include:

// Language (Spanish, Portuguese, French or another language relevant to the study of the Americas, subject to approval)
// History of Latin America, c. 1830-c. 1930 or History and Politics of Latin America, c. 1930-present
// The Making of Modern America: The United States since 1920
// Colonial and Revolutionary North America
// Building the American Nation: The United States, 1789-1920
YEARS TWO

Compulsory module(s)
- Research Methods

Optional modules
You will select from a range of optional modules, which may include optional modules from year 1 and:
- Gender, Politics and Society of the Americas
- Politics of the United States: Processes and Institutions
- Colonial and Revolutionary North America, 1607-1787
- London and the United States: the Difference a City Makes
- Protest Politics in the USA from the New Deal to Trump
- Revolutions in Twentieth-Century Latin America
- The United States and the Cold War
- Political Economy of Economic Development
- International Politics of Latin America
- The Caribbean in the Shadow of the North: Caribbean-U.S. Relations in the Twentieth Century
- Power and Politics in Everyday Life: Topics in the Anthropology of Latin America
- Political Ecologies of the Americas
- Language (Spanish, Portuguese, French or another language relevant to the study of the Americas, subject to approval)

YEAR THREE

Year abroad

FINAL YEAR

Compulsory module(s)
- Contemporary Issues in the Americas
- Dissertation

Optional modules
Optional modules may include options from Year 2 and:
- American Political Thought
- Crime and Control in the Americas
- Human Rights in the Americas
- Political Economy of Inequality in the Americas
- Queer USA
- Voting in the Americas
- Race and Resistance in Black Atlantic Thought
- American Radicals
- We Shall Overcome: The Civil Rights Movement in America
- Che Guevara: The Making of a Revolutionary

Your learning
Teaching is based on lectures, seminar discussions, workshops, and individual coursework feedback. Core year one modules are taught comparatively, thematically and jointly by disciplinary and regional experts. As the degree progresses, seminars become smaller, more focused and students will follow their research interests to specialise in disciplines and regions of their choice.

Assessment
Assessment will be based on various types of written coursework and formal examinations, with learning also evaluated through speaking contributions and oral presentations. Students’ ability to engage with external audiences will be assessed in the year four core module. There is an emphasis on the acquisition of research skills via the completion of a research methods module (year two) and a 10,000-word dissertation (year four).

Accessibility
Details of the accessibility of UCL buildings can be obtained from AccessAble. Further information can also be obtained from the UCL Student Support & Wellbeing team.

Your career
Our graduates, equipped with both multidisciplinary competences and area expertise, will be well situated for careers in the private and public sectors (in fields including finance, politics, diplomacy, teaching, NGOs, and international organisations). We also anticipate they will be well equipped to move on to further study and research.

Your application
Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

Your application will be considered on its merits, taking into account your interest in and suitability for the degree. This should be demonstrated through your personal statement, referee’s report, and achieved and predicted grades. You should be able to demonstrate an enthusiasm for the study of at least one region of the Americas covered by the degree (the Caribbean, Latin America, and the US), as well as curiosity about those areas with which you are less familiar.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAA. No specific subjects. At least two A level subjects should be taken from UCL’s list of preferred A level subjects.

GCSE: English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs.

Contextual Offer: ABB. No specific subjects. At least two A level subjects should be taken from UCL’s list of preferred A level subjects.

GCSE: English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs.

IB DIPLOMA
Standard Offer: 38 points. A score of 18 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

Contextual Offer: 34 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals.

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2021/22 academic year. The UK fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2021/22 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

UK: £9,250 (2021/22)
Overseas: £23,300 (2021/22)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

ADDITIONAL COSTS
A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the UCL Fees and funding pages. If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc., please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

In addition, please note that if you wish to study abroad during your programme at UCL, this is likely to incur additional costs. Studying abroad may cost between £200–£1000 per month depending on where you choose to study. The cost of studying abroad can be difficult to predict as it will depend on your priorities and choices. There is more information available on the UCL Study Abroad website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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UK withdrawal from the EU
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s withdrawal from the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit.